

**IN THE CLAIMS**

*Please amend the claims as follows:*

1. (currently amended) A three piece wheel (1) for motor vehicles, comprising an outer rim (2) provided with a first annular surface (14) and with second holes (7) ~~holes (6)~~ in proximity with a periphery of said outer rim, an inner rim (3) provided with a second surface (15) and with a groove (9) with a wall (10), the outer (2) and inner (3) rims forming a support for a tire; a disc (4) provided with a third annular surface (16) and with at least first holes (6) in proximity with a periphery of said disc, the disc (4) being partially superposed onto the outer rim (2); means (5; 18, 9) for connecting the disc (4), the outer rim (2) and the inner rim (3), the connecting means (5; 18,19) being provided with an axis (8) and passing through the first (6) and the second holes (7) of the disc (4) and of the outer rim (2), the first annular surface (14) of the outer rim (2) being compressed between the second surface (15) of the inner rim (3) and the third annular surface (16) of the disc (4); wherein said connecting means (5; 18,19) are inserted in the thickness of the wall (10) of the groove (9) of the inner rim (3) without projecting therefrom and in that the axis (8) of the connecting means (5; 18, 19) is in proximity to or coincident ~~with the~~ with a neutral axis (12) of said wall (10) of the groove (9) of the inner rim (3).

2. (previously presented) A wheel as claimed in claim 1, wherein the disc (4), the inner rim (3) are cast members and wherein the outer rim (2) is a stamped plate member.

3. (previously presented) A wheel as claimed in claim 1, wherein the connecting means are coach screws in the inner rim.

4. (previously presented) A wheel as claimed in claim 1, wherein the connecting means are stud bolts screwed in the inner rim and comprise fastening nuts acting on the disc.

5. (previously presented) A wheel as claimed in claim 2, wherein the connecting means are coach screws in the inner rim.

6. (previously presented) A wheel as claimed in claim 2, wherein the connecting means are stud bolts screwed in the inner rim and comprise fastening nuts acting on the disc.

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10. (canceled)